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Assistant Director for Operations

3 August 1949

Chief, EMB

Progress report for July 1949.

1. The Chief, EMB, and EMB Field Operations Officer completed an inspection of the London and Mediterranean Bureaus and returned to duty in Washington on 14 July 1949.

2. In accordance with a request from the Director, a special report entitled "Foreign Radio Reactions to Ratification of the Atlantic Pact and President's Message on MAP" was prepared by the Special Reports Division for the White House. In addition, the following reports were prepared in response to collection directives of OGB:

a. "Soviet Radio Portrayal of the American Scene"

b. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the Havana Conference of the Economic Commission for Latin America"

3. To supplement the present monitoring coverage of Western Zone German and Austrian transmitters which does not fulfill the expressed requirements of OGB, the following material is being experimentally furnished D/MS, OGB, for evaluation:

a. Selected "News of Austria" briefs of about 500 words prepared by Information Services Branch, US Section Allied Commission Austria, and teletyped to Washington daily.

b. A 2,000 word "Vienna Opinion Survey" teletyped to Washington each Friday by ISB, USACA.

c. The Press Survey Section of ISB's monthly report of approximately 10,000 words for the High Commissioner teletyped to Washington.

d. Daily radio transmissions by the Radio Control Branch, Information Services Division, OGBUS, Red Kuthlein, to ISB in New York on reports of German events and opinion trends monitored in Washington.

4. On 27 June 1949 EMB initiated publication of the "Survey of USSR Radio Broadcasts," "USSR and Satellite Information Abstracts" and "Far East Information Abstracts" in the Government Printing Office by offset printing methods. This change in method of reproduction has improved the general appearance of the products at no additional expense.

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5. A survey of consumer reaction to the FEIB "Survey of USSR Radio Broadcasts" was recently completed. Consumer evaluation of this publication, showing the separate response of the IAC and other authorized agencies, is summarized as follows:

	Indispensable	Of Considerable Value	Of Value	Of Slight Value	Of No Value	Questionnaires Returned	Offices in Authorized Agencies Receiving Publication
CIA - - - - -	1	4	6	-	-	11/13	
Dept. of Air - - -	-	5	7	1	-	13/26	
Dept. of Army - - -	1	5	5	2	-	13/20	
Dept. of Navy - - -	1	-	-	-	-	1/1	
Dept. of State - - -	5	7	7	2	-	21/19	
Other Authorized Agencies - - - - -	-	-	2	-	-	2/3	

* In some instances questionnaires were received from more than one individual in the same office.

6. In response to a request from IED in New York for a one-page daily report on the pattern and content of Soviet radio propaganda, representative specimens of such reports were prepared and submitted to IED and ONS for their comments and recommendations. While IED's response was unqualifiedly favorable, introduction of such a daily report on a regular basis awaits further consultation with ONS.

7. The Special Reports Division has initiated daily and weekly tabulations, by broad themes and subjects, of all Radio Moscow commentaries in all languages monitored in London. Action has been taken to secure daily lists of such commentaries monitored at Moscow, Kanoi and Tokyo. Beginning in August, the results of the weekly tabulations will be included in the FEIB weekly "Survey of USSR Radio Broadcasts."

8. Progress is being made on the approved project to reorganize FEIB reference file by setting up Flasoline files as a substitute for the inadequate card-index system of reference. Delivery of this apparatus to Washington Hqs. is expected about 15 August 1949; subsequent delivery to field bureaus will be made as soon as possible.

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9. The first group of mine active monitors for the interim operation in Okinawa have been selected and processed by local security and are scheduled to arrive at Okinawa in August.

10. In view of its limited usefulness and lack of consumer interest, FHS discontinued the distribution of unpublished material to selected Government agencies 1 July 1949.

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